

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 5, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday July 5, 2006. Mayor Canfield presided.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Wright, Worley, Witt, White, McNaul,
 ABSENT: Wilson

Mayor Canfield thanked everyone involved in the planning of the 4th of July parade and all those that participated in making sure the parade was a success.

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Worley, Witt, Wright. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, June 19, 2006 Regular Session.
- B. Previous minutes as drafted from the Friday, June 23, 2006 Special Session.
- C. Approval of the On-Premise Application for Liquor, Wine or Beer for Grinnell Coffee Company, 915 Main Street including outdoor service.
- D. Approval of the request to extend the closure of Main Street on Saturday, July 8, 2006 for Ridiculous Days from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm in order to dedicate the new streets in the Central Business District.
- E. Approval of the use of city parks for the National Night Out Event on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve payment of the claims where funds are available. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Worley, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/MEETING MINUTES:

- A. Finance Committee: June 19, 2006
- B. Planning Committee: June 19, 2006
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee: June 19, 2006
- D. Public Safety Committee: June 20, 2006
- E. Stewart Library Board of Trustees: May 25, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the lease agreement between the city of Grinnell and Cingular Wireless at 7:04 pm. Wingerter noted no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to close the public hearing at 7:04 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Worley, Witt, Wright. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve Resolution No. 2978: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRINNELL AND CINGULAR WIRELESS." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Witt, Wright, McNaul. Motion carried.

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the 2006 Lang Creek Crossing - Phase 2 at 7:05 pm. Wingerter noted no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting.

Moved by WITT, second by WHITE, to close the public hearing at 7:05 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, White, McNaul, Wright, Worley. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WHITE, to approve Resolution No. 2984: "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE OF COST AND FORM OF CONTRACT (2006 Lang Creek Crossing – Phase 2)." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, White, Wright, Worley, McNaul. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WORLEY, to approve Resolution No. 2985: "A RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – 2006 LANG CREEK CROSSING – PHASE 2." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, Worley, Wright, White, McNaul. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

A. Report from the Finance Committee

Councilperson White thanked all of the individuals who assisted with the planting of the planters in the Central Business District.

- Approval of Resolution No. 2979 in regard to the FY2007 salaries.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve Resolution No. 2979: "A RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL FOR THE CITY OF GRINNELL FOR FY 2006-2007." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, McNaul, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

- Review of the CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program Contract for 105 Broad Street. (See Resolution No. 2980.)

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve Resolution No. 2980: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF GRINNELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION CONTRACT FOR 105 BROAD STREET, GRINNELL, IOWA." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Witt, Wright, McNaul. Motion carried.

- Review of the Poweshiek County Council On Aging Contract.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve the Poweshiek County Council On Aging Contract as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Wright, McNaul, Worley. Motion carried.

- Review of the Theater Technician Services Contract Between the City of Grinnell and Michael Hunter.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve the Theater Technician Services Contract between the City of Grinnell and Michael Hunter as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Witt, Wright, Worley. Motion carried.

- Review of the Local Option Sales Tax Resolution.

White stated that the committee recommended leaving the wording as it is and not put in percentages that will lock the city into specific projects. He commented that the community should trust the individuals they have elected to follow through with their proposal for the use of the funds.

- Update on EarthPark.

Bill Menner sent a letter Monday, July 3, 2006 to the EarthPark committee stating that, due to the timing, Grinnell will not be able to raise the \$25 million needed from the community.

- Discuss proposed ethanol plant south of Grinnell.

POW I-80, Greater Grinnell, and other community leaders will be meeting to discuss if Big River Resources is a company that is appropriate for the county and if the proposed location is appropriate. Big River Resources continues to refuse to discuss reimbursement of the costs for emergency services the city would have to provide at the proposed location.

Big River Resources is conducting an independent traffic study to see what improvements need to be made to Highway 146 to accommodate their needs. The city and the county will commission a separate study to assure that everything is taken into consideration.

- Review the Mutual Aid Medical Service Protection agreement in and surrounding Poweshiek County.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve the Mutual Aid Medical Service Protection agreement in and surrounding Poweshiek County as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Worley, McNaul, Wright. Motion carried.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

Approved by the committee as presented.

- Inquiry.

Worley commented that he was asked if anything had been done to try and keep the Iowa Work Force Development office in town. It has been suggested that a campaign be mounted to work with local businesses and Iowa Valley Community College to try to keep the office open.

- B. Report from the Planning Committee – 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
 - Review of the Local Option Sales Tax Resolution.

Worley stated that the library and pool committees presented to the committee where their respective committees were in regard to planning and fund raising. He commented that the council has repeatedly stated that the public safety building, the library, and the pool are projects they intend to complete. He stated the council would like to see them completed in a

timely manner with the least amount of cost to the community. Worley also reiterated the Finance Committee's standing in regard to leaving the wording for the Local Option Sales Tax as it is and not put in percentages that will lock the city into specific projects.

- Discuss amending the city of Grinnell Urban Renewal Area to include the Renaud Subdivision and other properties recently annexed in south Grinnell.

The planning committee has recommended that staff continue working on amending the city of Grinnell Urban Renewal Area to include the Renaud Subdivision and other properties recently annexed in south Grinnell.

- Review the fringe area agreement between the city of Grinnell and Poweshiek County for zoning and other land use control measures.

Staff has met with county planning & zoning and they understand our reasoning for having a fringe area agreement. County planning & zoning has requested that the city tighten the proposed boundaries. They support the city's efforts to protect the water and wastewater plants.

- Update on the parkland conversion process.

Worley stated that city staff is waiting for the final survey results. The adjoining property owner to the south likes having the buffer between the two properties. Worley commented that the adjoining property owner was free to voice any concerns at the public hearing that will be held for the parkland conversion.

- Update on the planning efforts for Phase II of the CBD reconstruction.

Worley informed that the details of Phase II would be revealed in late August to early September. The project will be put out to bid in December.

- Discuss dark sky lighting ordinance.

Worley commented that no further action has been taken in regard to this ordinance.

- Discussion of development of design standards for building in the CBD.

Worley informed that having design standards would help preserve and promote the historic aspects of the downtown area. He stated that the Historic Preservation Committee is already working on developing standards and the committee has suggested they take the lead on the project.

Moved by WORLEY, second by MCNAUL to turn the development of design standards for building in the CBD over to the Historic Preservation Committee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, McNaul, Wright, White, Witt. Motion carried.

C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee

- Schedule public hearing in regard to the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the 2006 Alley Paving Project – 6th to 7th Avenue (between West Street and Main Street) for Monday, July 17, 2006 at 7:00 pm, receiving bids until Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 1:30 pm.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to the schedule public hearing in regard to the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the 2006 Alley Paving Project – 6th to 7th Avenue (between West Street and Main Street) for Monday, July 17, 2006 at 7:00 pm, receiving bids until Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 1:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Wright, Worley, White. Motion carried.

- Approval of the request from Iowa Telecom to trench an underground telephone cable.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to approve the request from Iowa Telecom to trench an underground telephone cable as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Worley, White, Wright. Motion carried.

- Discuss Purchase Agreement for accounts in south Grinnell and other issues related to Poweshiek Rural Water.

Witt stated that staff continues to work on this item and hope to have a final agreement by the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

- Approval of the burning of the house at 212 Main Street.

This request was withdrawn.

- Review of the May 20, 2006 e-waste collection event summary.

Witt commented that it has been recommended to hold the e-waste collection event on a quarterly basis as the city will no longer be picking these items up in the regular collection. He stated that it also has been proposed to raise the prices slightly as the city has been losing a few hundred dollars on the events.

- Review memo and FYE2007 fee structure from SCISWA.

Witt stated that SCISWA is now implementing an e-waste policy. SCISWA will take some e-waste items at no charge and will charge a fee for others.

D. Report from the Public Safety Committee

(Please Note: This meeting was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2006.)

- Schedule public hearing in regard to the lease agreement between the city of Grinnell and Cingular Wireless for Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

This item was handled during the public hearing portion of this council meeting.

- Discuss three hour parking in the Central Business District.

It is now being recommended to repeal the three hour parking around the main square in the CBD and reaffirm the four one hour stalls in the front of the Stewart Public Library, the seven fifteen minute parking stalls on the east side of Broad Street south of 5th Avenue, the two fifteen minute spaces on the south side of 5th Avenue east of Broad Street, and the two fifteen minute spaces on the north side of 5th Avenue east of Broad Street.

- Update from Police Chief and Fire Chief on disaster drill.

The update was provided at the previous council meeting held on June 19, 2006.

- Discussion of the IDOT school crossing report.

The consensus of the group was that we should act on these recommendations in a timely manner. The Police Chief will lead and coordinate this effort.

- Discuss the improvements to the intersection at Prairie Street and 13th Avenue.

Improvements will be made to the pavement at this location, with no changes to the traffic control devices.

- Discuss the disposal of fire equipment.

A public hearing has been set for July 17, 2006, with bids being received until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 13, 2006, for the sale of some surplus fire equipment. This is not the disposal of the old noon whistle.

E. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY to appoint Susie Johnson to the Board of Adjustment. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, McNaul, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve Resolution No. 2981: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Michael J. and Patricia J. Wright, 1601 Michael Avenue)." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Worley, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve Resolution No. 2982: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Duane and Joyce Meyer, 1110 First Avenue)." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Wright, Witt, McNaul. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve Resolution No. 2983: "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE (Phyllis Goldman, 503 State Street)." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Witt, Wright, Worley. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES: None.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Behrens thanked the garden club for their financial and technical support for obtaining the plants for the Central Business District planters. He stated the benches and trash receptacles should arrive, and will be placed, next week. The bike racks will arrive later.

Behrens noted that he should have a recommendation for the city clerk position by the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

ADJOURN:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to adjourn this regular session of the Grinnell City Council at 7:44 pm. Vote: (6) ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Gordon Canfield, Mayor

Annmarie Wingerter, Deputy City Clerk